

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

August 2013 – Week 2

Air Date: August 11 – August 17 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE LAST ACE

AUGUST 1945 AND A TEXAN ACES THE TEST.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 13, 1945. SEA OF JAPAN. THE LAST ATOMIC BOMB HAS JUST BEEN DROPPED, BUT WORLD WAR TWO DRAGS ON AS JAPAN DEBATES SURRENDER.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OSCAR PERDOMO, WITH THE 507TH FIGHTER GROUP, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO SHOOT DOWN ENEMY PLANES OVER JAPANESE KOREA.

PERDOMO WAS BORN IN EL PASO THE SON OF MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS – HIS FATHER ACTUALLY RODE WITH PANCHO VILLA.

TODAY OVER KOREA, PERDOMO STUMBLES UPON DOZENS OF JAPANESE AIRCRAFT AND ATTACKS. IN NUMEROUS DOGFIGHTS, PERDOMO SHOOTS DOWN FIVE ENEMY PLANES, EARNING HIM THE RANK OF “ACE”.

WITH JAPAN’S SURRENDER A FEW WEEKS LATER, PERDOMO IS THE LAST ACE OF WORLD WAR TWO.

TEXAN OSCAR PERDOMO BECAME ACE IN A DAY, 68 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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